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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 04288

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PN, PINT, SHUM, OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: DEPORTATION OF USC (ARAGON, ROSA MARIA)

REF: PANAMA 4258

SUMMARY: ARAGON'S DEPORTATION FOR "NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS" CONFIRMED BY NATIONAL GUARD. CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF LEOPOLDO ARAGON PLANNED FOR THIS AFTERNOON. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF SPOKE THIS MORNING WITH LT. COL. MANUEL ANTONIO NORIEGA, NATIONAL GUARD G-2 (GN G-2), WHO CONFIRMED THAT USCIT ROSA MARIA ARAGON AND HER DAUGHTER ROCIO ARAGON WERE IN FACT DEPORTED TO MEXICO CITY LAST NIGHT AFTER THEY ATTEMPTED ENTRY TO PANAMA. ACCORDING TO NORIEGA, MRS. ARAGON IS ON A LIST OF "POLITICAL UNDESIRABLES" WHOM THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO EXCLUDE DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO PANAMA, "FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY." SHE WAS NOT DEPORTED BECAUSE OF ANY PROBLEM WITH HER DOCUMENTATION. HE CLAIMED TO BE COORDINATING THIS WITH U.S. SECURITY FORCES. ASKED IF HE EXPECTED
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ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTED ENTRIES BY "UNDESIRABLES," HE SAID HE WAS, INCLUDING A GROUP TO COME FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

2. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED ON RADIO TODAY THAT THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF LEOPOLDO ARAGON ARE INVITING THE PEOPLE OF PANAMA, PARTICULARLY OPPOSITION

POLITICAL GROUPS, TO A CEREMONY OF "POSTHUMOUS HOMAGE"
AT 1730 TODAY AT PLAZA PORRAS (LOCATION OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY). WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS
CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE DESPITE THE FACT THAT
ARAGON'S WIDOW WILL NOT BE PRESENT. HER
DEPORTATION HAS NOW BEEN REPORTED ON LOCAL RADIO.

3. FOR SANTO DOMINGO: FYI, LEOPOLDO ARAGON WAS
THE PANAMANIAN EXILE WHO IMMOLATED HIMSELF IN
FRONT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM LAST
SEPTEMBER, AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE PANAMA
CANAL TREATIES. HIS WIDOW, ROSA MARIA ARAGON,
APPARENTLY MAINTAINS TIES WITH ANTI-TREATY, ANTI-
TORRIJOS POLITICAL GROUPS. ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY
SANTO DOMINGO MAY HAVE ON PANAMANIAN EXILES OR
OPPOSITION FIGURES PLANNING RETURN TO PANAMA
FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WOULD BE APPRECIATED. JORDEN

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